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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2004, which rejected the claims in the above-identified patent application, applicants respectfully request reconsideration, based upon the amendments hereinafter set forth.